Claim Amendments:

Claims 1, 2 and 7-25 have been amended as follows:

1(Amended). A subsea completion comprising:

a wellhead [(10, 182, 204)] which is installed over a well and from which extends a production fluid conduit [(30, 224)];

[the completion comprising] a barrier package [(82, 190, 218)] for controlling fluid flows to or from the well, the barrier package being removably located externally of the wellhead and containing at least one production flow control valve capable of containing the well pressure in use;

[characterised in that] wherein a continuation of the production fluid conduit [(30, 224)] extending away from the wellhead is releasably coupled to the barrier package [(82, 194, 218)] by a subsea matable connector [(34, 84, 216),];

whereby the barrier package [(82, 190, 218)] and components supported within the wellhead [(10, 182, 204) respectively] can be installed and retrieved independently of each other.

2(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 1 [characterised in that a further] , wherein an annulus conduit [(38, 226)] extends from the wellhead [(10, 204), having] and has one end in communication with a tubing annulus and its other end releasably coupled to the barrier package [(82, 218)] by a subsea matable connector [(34, 84, 216)] positioned external to the wellhead.

7(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in [any of claims 1-6, characterised in that the completion comprises] claim 1, further comprising a

tubing hanger [(22)] containing a flow control valve [(66)] positioned in a production fluid flow passage connected to a tubing string [(20)].

8(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in [any of claims 1-6, characterised in that] claim 1, further comprising a flow control valve [(78) is] positioned in the production fluid conduit [(30)].

9(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in [any of claims 1-8, characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the wellhead [(10)] comprises a valveless flow spool [(72)] which is connected to a separate lower wellhead part [(74)] and [containing] which includes a tubing hanger [(22)].

10(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in [any of claims 1-9 characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the barrier package [(82, 190, 218) contains] comprises one or more valves of equivalent function to a production wing valve, annulus wing valve, annulus valve or crossover valve.

11(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in [any of claims 1-10 characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the barrier package [(82, 190, 218) contains] comprises a production choke [(116, 253)].

12(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 11 [characterised in that] , wherein the production choke [(253)] is releasably connected to the barrier package [(218)].

13(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in [any of claims 1-12 characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the barrier package [(190, 218)] is supported on a well template [(184, 200, 300)].

14(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 13 [characterised in that] , wherein the wellhead is rigidly connected to the template.

15(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in claim 13 [or 14 characterised in that] , wherein the subsea matable connector [(216)] is integrated into the template [(200, 300)].

16(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in [any of claims 17-19 characterised in that] claim 13, wherein the production fluid conduit [(224, 226)] is structurally integrated into the template [(200, 300)].

17(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in [any of claims 17-21 characterised in that] claim 13, wherein the template [(300)] supports more than one barrier package [(218d, 218e)].

18(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in [any of claims 13-17 characterised in that] claim 13, wherein the template supports a separation module.

19(Amended). A subsea completion as defined in [any of claims 1-12 characterised in that] claim 1, wherein the barrier package [(190)] is supported on a manifold [(188)].

20(Amended). A subsea drilling and production system[,] comprising:

a framework [(184, 202, 3 00),];

a well housing [(182, 204)]; and

a barrier package [(190, 218)] removably located externally of the well housing and containing at least one production flow control valve[,];

[characterised in that] wherein the barrier package [(190, 218)] is located on the framework [(184, 202, 300)] and [that] during construction of the framework the well housing is [permanently and] rigidly connected to form a part of the framework prior to installation of the system subsea.

21(Amended). A subsea drilling and production system comprising:

a plurality of well housings; and

a many-sided framework [(300)] comprising structural members arranged to support well barrier packages and/or processing modules [(218),];

[characterised in that] wherein the well housings [(204a, 204b, 204c, 204d)] are located in the corners of the framework and during construction of the framework are [permanently and] rigidly connected to the structural members so as to form a part of the framework prior to installation of the system subsea.

22(Amended). A subsea drilling and production system as defined in claim 21 [characterised in that] , wherein the structural members are arranged in a regular pattern.

23(Amended). A subsea drilling and production system as defined in claim 20 [or 21, characterised in that] , wherein the framework is arranged to form a polygon having three or more sides.

24(Amended). A subsea drilling and production system as defined in [any of claims 20-23 characterised in that] claim 20, wherein the framework [(300)] includes a plurality of connecting locations [(216)] for the barrier packages or modules [(where present) (218)], and all the modules/packages and

connecting locations have a common connecting interface such that the modules/packages [(218)] can be exchanged with each other and secured at any connecting location on the framework.

25(Amended). A subsea drilling and production system as defined in [any of claims 20-24 characterised in that] claim 20, wherein a fluid conducting pipe comprises a structural part of the framework [(300)].